

Proclamation

Whereas almost 400,000 persons are bitten by dogs every year in Texas,

Whereas one-quarter of those bitten require medical care,

Whereas dog attacks represent a major public health problem in children,

Whereas children account for 60% of all bite victims,

Whereas dog attacks can cause disfigurement, psychological trauma, and death,

Whereas insurance companies pay an estimated \$250 million in dog bite liability claims each year,

Whereas most dog bites are provoked, either intentionally or inadvertently,

Whereas most dog bites are preventable through proper socialization and training of the dogs as well as education of children at an early age,

The week of May 19-25, 2002, is hereby proclaimed Bite Prevention Week by order of:

Signature

Date

Title